

Klan-Beset Book Shop Is Aided by McKeldin

BALTIMORE, March 21 (AP)—Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin has won a pledge from

a landlord to continue renting to a book store that allegedly has been the target of violence by the Interstate Ku Klux Klan.

McKeldin conferred Monday with the main owner of the building, which houses the store, and announced afterwards that the owner, Melvin Weinman, had agreed to reverse his decision to cancel the store's lease.

Weinman had told the owner of the New Era book store, Robert Lee, last week that his lease would be canceled because of several in-

cidents at the store, which specializes in civil rights and leftist literature.

The store was picketed by hooded and robed members of the Klan on Feb. 4. Since then a brick has been thrown through the store's plateglass show window and it has been set afire twice. Both fires caused only minor damage.

On Feb. 15 the store's fire, workman's compensation and liability insurance were canceled.

McKeldin also said Monday that Maryland's insurance commissioner, Norman Polovoy, will try to get the store's insurance reinstated.